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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are pending.

Claims 18-20 were previously canceled.

Claims 1 and 21 are amended to clarify that the tread area (13) is located in the sole (foot bed) of the sock (i.e., on the bottom; the area that is walked on). Support can be found in Figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9, which clearly illustrate the tread area being on the bottom portion of the sock. No new matter is added.

Anticipation Rejections.

Claims 1, 2, and 9-12 have been rejected as being allegedly being anticipated by Lambertz (US 6,286,151). This rejection is unwarranted.

"Anticipation" means that the subject matter of the claims on appeal was previously known and was described in a printed publication, either explicitly or inherently. *Abbott Laboratories v. Sandoz, Inc.*, 89 U.S.P.Q.2d 1161, 1166 (Fed. Cir. 2008). Anticipation is established by documentary evidence, and requires that every claim element and limitation is set forth in a single prior art reference, in the same form and order as in the claim. *Abbott Laboratories*, 89 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1166. Additionally, an anticipating reference must enable that which it is asserted to anticipate. *Seymour v. Osborne*, 78 U.S. 516, 555 (1870). To anticipate, the claimed subject matter must not only be previously known, but the knowledge must be sufficiently enabling to place the information in the possession of the public. *Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Mayo Foundation*, 346 F.3d 1051, 1054 (Fed. Cir. 2003). None of the anticipation rejections in this case satisfy the foregoing requirements.

The present claims are directed to socks for use in athletic activities having a foot portion

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(1) and a shaft portion (2), the foot portion having a toe area (11), a heel area (12), and a tread area (13) between the toe area and the heel area. An air channel (25) extends from the shaft portion (2) to the tread area, with at least one climate channel (26) in the tread area (13), communicating with the air channel (25) for removing moisture from the tread area when the sock is worn for athletic activities.

A close examination of the Lambertz patent reveals a climate-adjusting sock which has an air channel (3) proceeding from the sole (2) of the foot up to the band (4) and which is formed of climate-adjusting net-type knit fabric (col. 2, lines 35-42). In the interior, the sock (1) is provided with a padded instep cushion or padding (5), which can be ribbed, and in the area of the shin it is provided with a padded shin cushion (6) (col. 2, lines 45-50). The area of the Achilles tendon is protected by means of padded cushions (7) (col. 2, lines 54, 55). The area of the calf is also provided with padded cushions whereby, in the example shown, rod-type paddings (8) are provided (col. 2, lines 62-64). The sock is also provided with an X-cross support band (col. 3, lines 1-3). The sole (2) of the sock (1) is equipped with additional padded cushions or paddings (10) and (11), particularly, in the area of the ball of the foot and/or in the area of the toes (col. 3, lines 6-10). Please note that paddings (10) and (11) are not channels. Additional support bands may be arranged in the area of the ankle, namely, a ring-type support band (12) above the ankle and below that, an additional support band (13). It is possible to provide another diagonal support band 14 (col. 3, lines 28-32). Please note that the bands (13) and (14) are not channels.

The Office Action asserts that the ribbed fabric of the instep area (5) of Lambertz is equivalent to the climate channel in the tread area of the present claims. This assertion goes against the common meanings of the terms "tread" and "instep". The "instep" is on the upper

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portion of the sock, as is clearly shown in the drawings of Lambertz, as well as in the present application, and in common usage (see e.g., definition of "instep" on page 599 of Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, (G & C Merriam Co., Springfield, MA, 1977), attached hereto). In contrast, a "tread" area is clearly understood in common usage and the footwear field as being in the sole or foot bed of a sock or shoe. For example, the Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary (G & C Merriam Co., Springfield, MA, 1977) defines "tread" in relevant part, as the "pattern on the bottom of a sole" (see attached page 1244 thereof). Similarly, the American Heritage Dictionary (Second College Edition, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, MA, 1982) defines "tread" in pertinent part as "the part of a shoe sole that touches the ground" (see attached page 1290 thereof). In addition, the drawings in the present application clearly point to the bottom portion of the sock in referring to the tread area. The specification is consistent with this usage, as well. For example, the wording of last two sentences of paragraph [0027] of the present application are consistent with locating the tread area (13) in the foot bed (i.e., sole) of the sock. In order to clarify this point, independent claims 1 and 21 are amended herein to specify that the tread area is in the sole of the sock. As such, Lambertz clearly does not anticipate the present claims, since the reference clearly does not teach or suggest inclusion of any climate channels in the sole of the sock. The Office Action points to the instep area on the top of the foot portion of the sock of Lambertz for the location of the alleged climate channels. Consequently, withdrawal of this rejection is warranted.

Claims 1-8, 12-17 and 21-23 have been rejected as being allegedly being anticipated by Ogden (US 5,708,985). This rejection is unwarranted as well.

Ogden relates to a sock having a sole portion designed to enhance the frictional

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engagement with the skin of the planter surface of the foot (column 1 lines 6 to 8). The sock (10) has a sole portion (24) knitted with successive courses of yarn with a thickness defining an outer layer having an inner surface and which further includes a number of space ribs extending in a longitudinal direction between the heel and toe each formed by knitting a selected number of additional courses of yarn which extend from the inner surface of the outer layer in a direction toward the instep portion of the sock in a position to contact the planter surface of the foot (column 2 line 63 to column 3 line 5). The sock (10) comprises a leg portion (12) and a foot portion (14). The foot portion (14) has a heel (16) at one end, preferably including a heel pocket (18), and a toe (20) at the opposite end. Extending between the heel (16) and toe (20) are an instep portion (22) engageable with the upper half of the foot, and a sole portion (24) engageable with the bottom half of the foot.

The instep portion (22) and sole portion (24) have opposed sides which are joined together along their edges to form the completed foot portion (14) of the sock (10) (column 4 line 38 to 48). The sole portion (24) of sock (10) further includes a number of longitudinally spaced ribs (36) which extend substantially parallel to one another from approximately the heel (16) to the toe (20) of sock (10) (Figures 2 - 4b). Each of the ribs (36) is defined by at least one additional layer of yarn which is knitted with terry loops (38). The terry loops (38) extend from the inner surface (32) of outer layer (28) inwardly, i.e., within the interior of the sock (10) in a direction toward the instep portion (22) thereof. The yarn forming ribs (36) is preferably Cool-Max, or other suitable moisture-wicking yarns, which provide exceptional cushioning and resistance to abrasion in addition to moisture-wicking ability (column 5 line 22 to 37). The spaces between and within the ribs (36) on the sole portion (24) of the sock herein are a sufficient

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distance apart to cause the skin of the planter surface of the foot to move therein, thus increasing the frictional engagement between (column 3 lines 35 to 39). The longitudinally spaced ribs (36) are preferably formed with a terry stitch of suitable moisture-wicking fiber (column 3 lines 48 to 51). Additionally, the ribs (36) can extend continuously in a traverse direction from one side of the sole portion to the other. Further, one or more ribs (36) could be eliminated entirely, particularly in the arch area of the plantar surface of the foot (column 6 lines 53 to 57).

Comparing the sock of Ogden with the present invention it can be seen that there are no concordances. This is based on the fact that Ogden does not describe an air channel in the shaft of the sock that communicates with a climate channel in the tread area of the sock. The Office Action appears to equate the instep area (22) of Ogden with the air channels of the present claims. Applicants do not understand this assertion. The instep area (22) of the Ogden sock, or any other sock, for that matter, is on the upper surface of the sock in front of the ankle (see e.g., definition of "instep" on page 598 of Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, attached hereto), not in the shaft of the sock where the air channel of the claims is located. Furthermore, there are no channels shown in instep area (22) of Ogden. The instep is illustrated as a regular knitted region on the upper portion of the sock (not the shaft) in the drawings, i.e., no channels are shown in the drawings or described in the specification in the instep area (22). Ogden does not describe instep portion (22) or any other portion of the sock as channeling moisture away from the tread area and into an air channel in the shaft, as in the present invention.

A *prima facie* case for anticipation requires that all limitations of the claims must be taught in the reference. That is not the case here. Since Ogden does not disclose air channels in the shaft of the sock in communication with climate channels in the tread area of the sock, as

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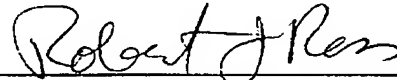
claimed, this rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are solicited. In the event the forgoing is deemed to be unpersuasive, Applicants request the present amendment be entered to place the claims in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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an animating or exalting effect <the sermon>

to fill with spirit: ANIMATE

in(t)-sp-sat or in-sp-sat-ed in-sp-sat- (LL) in-sp-sat-ed, pp. of inspire, fr. L in-
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ed in consistency, broadly: made thick.

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a-tor in-sp-sat-or, in(t)-sp-sat- n

institute, institution: institutional
bil-ee, n: the quality or state of being
emotional or mental stability

adj [MF or L; MF, fr. L instabilis, fr. in-
TABLE

1) in-stalled; in-stall-ing [MF installer,
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or dignity by seating in a stall or official
an office, rank, or order <~ed the new
2: to establish in an indicated place,
ing, hence: had an exhaust fan ~ed in the
r n

is-shan n 1: the act of installing: the
2: something that is installed for use 3
or base

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OHG stal place, stall 1: one of the parts
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as of a publication presented at intervals
1 story ~ installment

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ILLUSTRATION. EXAMPLE. SAMPLE SPECIMEN
ma: something that exhibits distinguishing
category to which it belongs

adjective in-stalling 1: to illustrate or demon-
2: to mention as a case or example: CRT

in n pl-cies 1: URGENCY, INSISTENCE 2
ch: IMMEDIACY 3: immediacy of occur-
ANTANBOUSNESS

n [ME, fr. ML instant, instans, fr. instans,
fr. L 1: an infinitesimal space of time; esp
arating two states <at the ~ of death>
2: a month

MF or L; MF, fr. L instant, instans, fr. prp.
on, urge, fr. in- + stare to stand, more at
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set potatoes> (2) appearing in or as if in
~ culture <cupdating... your image with ~
ed hideburns ~ Playboy> b: immediately
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in(t)-stan-ta-ne-ous, -nyas adj [ML instan-
taneus n] 1: done, occurring, or acting
ible duration of time <death was ~> 2
delay being purposely introduced <took
~e abuse> 3: occurring or present at a
~ velocity> ~ in-stan-ta-ne-ity in(t)-stan-ta-
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ne-ly adv [ML fr. instant, instans] at once
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ant-ly adv 1: with impetuosity: URGENT,
least delay: IMMEDIATELY
oon as <he ran across the grass ~ he perceived
Theater>

videotape recording of an action (as a play in
played back (as in slow motion) immediately
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taps in the life of an arthropod (as an insect)
ive molts; also: an individual in a specified

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J] in the former or same state
sta-ta-shan, sta(t)-sta- n [L instauratio,
aurans, pp. of instaurare to renew, restore ~

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more at STORE] 1: restoration after decay, lapse, or dilapidation
2: an act of instituting or establishing something

in-stead in-sted adv 1: as a substitute or equivalent <was
going to write but called ~> 2: as an alternative to something
expressed or implied: RATHER <longed ~ for a quiet country life>
instead of in-sted-(v), -stid- prep [ME in sted of]: in place of
as a substitute for or alternative to

in-stop in-stop n 1: the arched middle portion of the human
foot in front of the ankle joint; esp: its upper surface 2: the part
of the hind leg of the horse between the hock and the pastern joint
3: the part of a shoe or stocking over the instep

in-stigate in(t)-st-gat or in-st-gat-ed: gat-ing [L instigatus, pp. of
instigare ~ more at STICK]: to goad or urge forward: PROVOKE
syn see INCITE ~ in-sti-ga-tion in(t)-st-ga-shan n ~ in-sti-
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in-still in-stil in-stil n [ME, fr. L instillare, pp. of instillare,
fr. L instillare, fr. in- + stillare to drip ~ more at DISTILL]
1: to cause to enter drop by drop <~ medication into the infected
eye> 2: to impart gradually <~ing in children a love of
learning> ~ in-stil-la-tion in(t)-st-la-shan, -stil-la- n ~
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in-stru-ment \-ment\ n 1: to address a legal instrument to 2
to score for musical performance: ORCHESTRATE 3: to equip
with instruments

in-stru-men-tal in(t)-stru-ment-(-l) adj 1 a: serving as a means,
agent, or tool <was ~ in organizing the strike> b: of, relating
to, or done with an instrument or tool 2: relating to, composed
of, or performed on a musical instrument 3: of or relating to a
grammatical case or form expressing means or agency 4: of or
relating to instrumentalism 5: based on or involving reward or
avoidance of distress <~ learning> <~ conditioning>

instrumental n ~ in-stru-men-tal-ly -l-ly adv
in-stru-men-tal-ism -iz-om n: a doctrine that ideas are instru-
ments of action and that their usefulness determines their truth

in-stru-men-tal-ist -ist n 1: a player on a musical instrument
2: a student or exponent of instrumentalism ~ instrumentalist
adj

in-stru-men-tal-ity in(t)-stru-men-tal-(-i-ty) n pl. ties 1
the quality or state of being instrumental 2: MEANS, AGENCY
in-stru-men-ta-tion in(t)-stru-men-tal-shan, -tash-(-n) n 1 a: the
use of instruments b: the application of instruments for observa-
tion, measurement, or control 2: the arrangement or composition
of music for instruments esp. for a band or orchestra 3 a: a
science concerned with the development and manufacture of
instruments b: instruments for a particular purpose

instrument flying n: navigation of an airplane by instruments
only

instrument landing n: a landing made with little or no external
visibility by means of instruments and by ground radio directive
devices

instrument panel n: a panel on which instruments are mounted;
esp.: DASHBOARD 2

in-sub-or-di-nate in(t)-sa-'bôrd-n-(-t) -bôrd-n-(-t) adj: unwilling
to submit to authority: REFRACTORY ~ in-sub-or-di-nate n ~ in-
sub-or-di-nate-ly adv ~ in-sub-or-di-na-tion -bôrd-n-(-t)-shan-

n
in-sub-stan-tial in(t)-sâb-'stan-shal adj [prob. fr. F insubstantiel,
fr. LL insubstantialis, fr. L in- + LL substantialis substantial] 1
lacking substance or material nature: SPECTRAL IMAGINARY 2
lacking firmness or solidity: FLIMSY ~ in-sub-stan-tial-ty
-shan-shal-(-t-ty) n

in-suf-fer-able in-suf-(a)-ra-bal adj: incapable of being en-
dured: INTOLERABLE <can ~ bore> ~ in-suf-fer-able-ness n ~
in-suf-fer-ably -bly adv

in-suf-fi-ci-ent in(t)-suf-(i)-sh-ant(-s) n: INSUFFICIENCY
in-suf-fi-ci-ent-ly -ly adv 1: the quality or state of
being insufficient: as a: lack of mental or moral fitness: IN-
COMPETENCE <the ~ of this man for public office> b: lack of
adequate supply: as: inability of an organ or body part to function
normally 2: something insufficient <he was aware of his insuffi-
ciencies>

in-suf-fi-cient in(t)-suf-(i)-sh-ant(-s) adj [ME, fr. MF, fr. LL insuffi-
cient, insufficient, fr. L in- + sufficient, sufficiens sufficient]
not sufficient; esp.: deficient in power, capacity, or competence
<life is often held to be an ~ begueter of fiction ~ Anthony
Quinton> ~ in-suf-fi-cient-ly adv

in-suf-flate in(t)-suf-(i)-flat adj: flat-adj: flat-ing [LL
insufflat, pp. of insufflare, fr. L in- + sufflare to blow up, fr. sub-
~ + flare to blow ~ more at SUB-BLOW] 1: to blow on or into
<~ a room with incense> 2: to disseminate (as a powder or
gas) by blowing ~ in-suf-fla-tion in(t)-suf-(i)-fla-shan, -fla- n
an act or instance
of insufflating; also: a Christian ceremonial rite of exorcism
performed by breathing on a person

in-su-lant in(t)-su-lant n: an insulating material
in-su-lar in(t)-su-(y)-lar, in-sho-lar adj [LL insularis, fr. L insula
island] 1 a: of, relating to, or constituting an island b:
dwelling or situated on an island <~ residents> 2 of a plant or
animal: having a restricted or isolated natural range or habitat
3 a: of or relating to island people <surviving ~ customs> b:
that results from isolation or is characteristic of isolated people
<~ prejudices> 4: of or relating to an island of cells or tissue

~ in-su-lar-ism -iz-om n ~ in-su-lar-ly in(t)-su-(y)-lar-ly, in-sha-ly adv
in-su-late in(t)-su-lat adj: flat-adj: flat-ing [L insula island]: to
place in a detached situation: ISOLATE: esp.: to separate from
conducting bodies by means of nonconductors so as to prevent
transfer of electricity, heat, or sound

in-su-la-tion in(t)-su-lâ-shan n 1: the action of insulating
the state of being insulated 2: material used in insulating
in-su-la-tor in(t)-su-lâ-tôr n: one that insulates; esp.: a material
that is a poor conductor of electricity or a device made of such
material and used for separating or supporting conductors to
prevent undesired flow of electricity

in-su-lin in(t)-sû-g-lin n [NL insula islet (of Langerhans), fr. L
insula] a: a protein pancreatic hormone secreted by the islets of
Langerhans that is essential esp. for the metabolism of carbohy-
drates and is used in the treatment and control of diabetes mellitus
insulin shock n: hypoglycemia associated with the presence of
excessive insulin in the system and characterized by progressive
development of coma

in-sult in-salt v [MF or L; MF insult, fr. L insultare, lit., to
spring upon, fr. in- + saltare to leap ~ more at SALTATION] n
archaic: to behave with pride or arrogance: VAUNT ~ vt: to
treat with insolence, indignity, or contempt: AFFRONT; also: to

'tre·dle \ˈtred-əl\	n [ME *tredel* step of a stair; fr. OE. fr. *tredan*]
a swiveling or lever device pressed by the foot to drive a machine	
ˌtreedle v	ˌtreə-dīd; treadling \ˈtred-lɪŋ\ v i : to operate
a treadmill	~ w : to operate (as a machine) by a treadle
tread-mill \ˈtred-mil\ n	1 a : a mill worked by persons treading on steps on the periphery of a wide wheel having a horizontal axis and used formerly in prison punishment b : a mill worked by an animal treading an endless belt 2 a : wearisome or monotonous routine resembling continued activity on a treadmill
treas abbr	treasurer; treasury
treas·on \ˈtrez-n\ n [ME *tresoun*, fr. OF *traison*, fr. ML *tradition*, *traditio*, fr. L act of handing over, fr. *traditus*, pp. of *tradere* to hand over, betray — more at TRAITOR]	1 : the betrayal of a trust
b : TREACHERY	2 : the offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government personally injure the sovereign or his family allegiance or to kill or personally injure the ruler or his family
treas·on·able \ˈtrez-nə-bal, -nə-bəl\ adj	: relating to, consisting of, or involving treason — *treasonably* -blē adv
treas·on·ous \ˈtrez-nəs, -nəs\ adj	: TREASONABLE
treas·ur·able \ˈtrez-h-ə-jrə-bəl, -trəzh-ə-bl\ adj	: worthy of being treasured ; PRECIOUS
ˌtreas·ure \ˈtrezh-ər, -ˈtrāzh-ər\ n [ME *tesour*, fr. OF, fr. L *thesaurus*, fr. Gk *thēsaurus*] 1 a (1) : wealth (as money, jewels, or precious metals) stored up for future use (2) : (2) : wealth of any kind or form : RICHES b : a store of money in reserve 2 : something of great worth or value; also : a person esteemed as such c : a collection of precious things	
ˌtreas·ure v	ˌtreə-sʊəd; treasure-ing \-ə-ɪŋ\ v 1 : to collect and store up (something of value) for future use : HOARD 2 : to hold or keep as precious : CHERISH PRIZE ~she treasured those memories
treasure	syn sec APPRECIATE
treasure hunt n	: a game in which each player or team tries to be first to find whatever has been hidden
treas·urer \ˈtrezh-ər, -ˈtrāzh-ər\ n	1 : a guardian of a collection of funds : CURATOR 2 : an officer entrusted with the receipt, care, and disbursement of funds; as a : a governmental officer charged with receiving, keeping, and disbursing public revenues b : the executive financial officer of a club, society, or business corporation — *treasurer-ship* -shɪp n
ˌtreas·ure trove \-trov\ n [AF *tresor* *trone* lit., treasure] 1 : treasure that anyone finds; *specif* : gold or silver in the form of money, plate, or bullion which is found hidden and whose ownership is not known 2 : a place where valuable or productive discovery can be made — *treasure-trail* -trāzh-ən pl -suries 1 a : a place in which stores of wealth are kept b : the place of deposit and disbursement of collected funds; esp : one where public revenues are deposited, kept, and disbursed c : funds kept in such a depository 2 obs : TREASURE 3 cap a : a governmental department in charge of finances and esp. the collection of taxes and expenditure of public revenues b : the building in which the business of such a governmental department is transacted 4 cap : a government security (as a note or bill) issued by the Treasury 5 : a repository for treasures	
treasury note n	: a currency note issued by the U.S. Treasury in payment for silver bullion purchased under the Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890
treasury of merits	: the superabundant satisfaction of Christ for men's sins and the excess of merit of the saints which according to Roman Catholic theology is effective for salvation of others and is available for dispensation through indulgences
treasury stock n	: issued stock reacquired by a corporation and held as an asset
ˌtreat \ˈtri:t\ n [ME *traien*, fr. OF *traitier*, fr. L *tractare* to handle, deal with, fr. *tractus*, pp. of *trahere* to draw — MORE AT DRAW] n	1 : to discuss terms of accommodation or settlement : NEGOTIATE 2 : to deal with a matter esp. in writing : DISCOURSE — usu. used with of <a book ~ing of conversation> 3 : to pay another's expenses (as for a meal or drink) esp. as a compliment or as an expression of regard or friendship ~ w : a : to deal with a speech or writing : EXPOUND b : food is plentiful and ~ed with imagination — Captn Beaton 2 a : to bear oneself toward : USE ~> a horse ~ed w : b : to regard and deal with in a specified manner — usu. used with as 3 a : to provide with free food, drink, or entertainment b : to provide with enjoyment or gratification 4 : to care for or deal with medically or surgically ~> a disease 5 : to act upon with some agent esp. to improve or alter ~> a metal with acid ~ treat-er n
syn TREAT, DEAL, HANDLE shared meaning element	: to have to do with in a specified manner
ˌtreat n	1 : an entertaining given without expense to those invited 2 : an exp. unexpected source of joy, delight, or amusement
ˌtreat·able \ˈtri:t-ə-bəl\ adj	: capable of being treated : yielding responsive to treatment — *treatability* -tri:t-ə-bil-i-ti n
ˌtreas·ure \ˈtrez-nə-bal, -nə-bəl\ adj	[ME *treiz*, fr. AF *treitz*, fr. OF *traitier*, fr. L *tractatus*, fr. L handling, treatment, fr. *tractatus*, pp. of *tractare* to treat] 1 : the action of treating and esp. negotiating 2 : treaty 1 : the action of treating and esp. negotiating (1) : PRIVILEGE 2 : an agreement or arrangement entered into by two or more political authorities (as states or sovereigns) formally signed by representatives duly authorized and usu. ratified by the lawmaking authority of the state b : a document in which such a contract is set down

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